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OUR MEXICAN RELATIONS.

With the revival of the Mexican trouble to a high pitch, rumbling by way of criticism of our attitude in Mexican affairs, are naturally again coming to the front. The critics in the main do not know what they are criticizing, but they simply must have something to criticize. With one breath they presume to find fault with our ever having entered Mexico. With the next they are incensed with our coming away. To an extent they are right as to the former proposition, but as to the latter never.

It was a blunder which landed the American forces in Vera Cruz—a blunder by an admiral. Traditionally the admiral was right, but the tradition survived from a time before there were telegraphs or cables or wireless, when admirals were entrusted in distant waters with the functions of international diplomacy. Admirals in the old days were accustomed to uphold the dignity of the nation by compelling respect for the flag and by insisting upon certain formal observances like the firing of guns in salute of the flag and the presentation of apologies when these observances were neglected. Thus it happened that what an admiral regarded as an insult to the American flag made it necessary for the president to send the fleet and six thousand men to Vera Cruz and to keep them there at large expense for many months.

Pres't Wilson has always opposed war or any step which would lead to forcible intervention in Mexico. But like the kaiser he is partly surrounded by militarists and in the Mexican incident he was to a certain extent a victim of our military coterie. It was pointed out to him that the morale and prestige of the whole navy would be destroyed should he refuse to back up the admiral who had demanded salutes and apologies without consulting his superiors in Washington. So he backed up the admiral and at once found himself in the position of making war against a friendly people without a declaration of war and without a casus belli. With this situation confronting him, his purpose, quickly hit upon, was to get out with as much dignity as possible. The mediation by the three South American countries was a part of the machinery of this dignified retreat. His final victory was achieved Tuesday, Nov. 24, when Gen. Funston evacuated Vera Cruz and the Mexican revolutionists were left to stew in their own revolution and the Mexican people to work out their political salvation by revolution or otherwise as all nations have done since nations have existed. A new precedent is established.

Of course American concession holders, including speculators and investors in mines, railroads, oil wells and ranches in Mexico, disapprove of the president's policy, and of course they were keenly disappointed when he resolutely evacuated Vera Cruz. Even the administration organ in New York, the World, shed financial tears, sit with the regret of depreciated Mexican smelter, mine and railroad securities. It was unpatriotic and poor politics from Wall street's point of view. Also some democrats gaged at the practical promotion of peace evangelized in the withdrawal of our fleet and troops. Hearst, too, with his million-acre ranch, has suffered the agonies of a boy with green-apple colic.

The explanation is simple on all sides, and the president's Mexican policy is easy to understand when one keeps in mind always this fact: That military precedent forced us into Vera Cruz and that our effort to give the Mexicans freedom and constitutional government need not necessarily extend to a deliberate purpose to shoot them down in order to force democracy and self-government upon them.

THE DRUG-STORE SALOON.

According to the health reports issued by the United States public health service the sale of alcoholic beverages in some of the so-called drug stores in prohibition or local option territory has for many years been recognized as one of the more objectionable abuses growing out of attempts to circumvent prohibition legislation. The harm done by the surreptitious sale of liquors in these so-called drug stores has long been considered to be a disgrace to the drug business generally. No class of men appreciate more than retail druggists themselves the objectionable possibilities suggested by the frequently quoted doggerel:

"Hush, little bar-room, don't you cry,
You will be a drug store by and by."
Reputable members of the drug trade have frequently discussed ways and means for eliminating the drug store saloon but their efforts have usually failed as the requirements of the Federal Internal revenue laws virtually make those who desire to sell alcohol or alcoholic beverages for medicinal or mechanical purposes pay the regular retail liquor dealer's tax and be classed as such.

In the Harrison anti-narcotic bill

now pending in congress it is proposed to license druggists and others as dealers in narcotic drugs. This feature of the law will establish a precedent that should make it easy for retail druggists to secure an extension of the classification and provide for a class of dealers in alcohol and narcotic drugs, with the requirement that dealers in this class keep a record sufficient to show the amount of alcohol or alcohol containing drugs purchased.

A provision of this kind would serve to locate all dealers in alcohol and alcoholic liquids for medicinal or mechanical purposes, would suffice to class them apart from dealers selling alcoholic liquids for beverage purposes, would practically preclude the sale of alcohol for beverage purposes under the guise of medicine and would afford to officials in prohibition or local option territory an opportunity to enforce this style of legislation in a way hitherto impossible.

PARDONS WON'T CURE IT.

The case of Oscar Philipson, Somerville, N. J., boy who has been sentenced to jail for four months for killing a rabbit out of season is pathetic, all right. He is the main support of a widowed mother and four children. He has the reputation of a good, industrious boy and will come out with the everlasting reputation of a convict. It is very pathetic and the governor should pardon.

But the pardon will not have the slightest effect upon the disease. As well might you hope to cure dyspepsia by using quill instead of wooden toothpicks. So long as we permit law to mean vengeance; so long as we put on the bench men who read only the letter of the statutes, and say that their stupidity and horrible loyalty to procedure and precedent are final, we'll legally break up widow's homes and ruin boys' lives. Moreover, we'll corrupt ourselves with the obsession that there's no justice possible in law. All the rabbits in New Jersey aren't worth this single demonstration that, in order to do the right and just thing and what is best for society, the governor has got to step in and make the judiciary of his state a little more disreputable.

THE JUDGE BEHIND THE GUN.

Keep your eye on Circuit Judge McGinn, of Portland, Ore. He's got a new style judicial temperament and threatens to shock the entire legal fraternity. "I'm going to smash this thing of precedent every time I get a chance and every time it will do you good," says his honor, McGinn. "To do something just because someone else has done it is nonsense," he adds. "Precedent has stalked through our courts and legislatures until it has become a bugbear and I'm going to put on armor and use heavy artillery against it whenever I meet it."

Go to it, McGinn! Of course, you'll make some mistakes but rejuvenated justice has got to creep before she can run and hog-tied by precedent, as now, she occasionally gets nowhere. Civilization, such as it is, is due to the fact that some old time McGinn smashed the precedent of climbing trees for acorns, sleeping in holes and eating the sabre-toothed tiger raw. Harveize your armor and use the 58-centimeter gun, Judge, and may your score be all bullseyes!

A CRACKER-JACK PLAN.

For contemplation, imagination, anticipation and realization you have to tie the blue ribbon on the London correspondent—uncensored—who has presented, in detail, the German plan for invasion of England. There are to be two lines of German warships across the English channel. The north line is to fight off British battleships coming from the north, the south line is to keep 'em off from the south, and in between these lines is to be a dashingly fleet of 50 transports carrying 500,000 German raiders.

Of course, 10,000 soldiers and equipment per transport would necessitate a little crowding, especially if British submarines, aeroplanes and mines interfered with the smoothness of the dash, or if any British warship got through those lines of German ships. But, barring such little possibilities, the plan is a jim dandy, and the British admiralty should at once consider defensive measures. If they take the proper steps, they'll force the kaiser to fly across instead.

Virtue is its own reward. Mary Mack, faithful domestic at Gloversville, N. Y., has been willed the right, by rich Rev. W. Frothingham, to bathe in the family bathtub whenever she feels dirty enough.

People who have been worrying about Violinist Fritz Kreisler will rejoice to learn that he has arrived in New York. He is wounded in the leg but he doesn't fiddle with his legs.

Baltimore American thinks it hears a call for Taft for president in 1916.

Ear trouble, ear trouble! There won't be any such call until "the seven little governors" send up their chirp.

Chicago women are yelling about "indecently packed" street cars. Evidently, the auto-bus scheme hasn't struck Chicago.

A Hamilton county, Ohio, man has been shot by a hunter in mistake for a polecat and, for some reason, he's mad about it.

Los Angeles woman wants a divorce because her husband made her live where there were rattlesnakes. Oh, this blamed feminine movement!

In the November elections socialists got 50 per cent more socialists into office than ever before, throughout the country.

Stop the train! Dick Croker, ex-Tammany chief suddenly stricken with love at 71 and married!

Uncle Sam's trade balance \$15,000,000 per week, and rising.

Letters of the People

The News-Times opens this column to its readers for expression of their views. It accepts no responsibility, however, for the opinions here put forth. Correspondents must show good faith, however, by signing their communications with their correct name. This will not be published if the correspondent so desires and indicates, but the name MUST accompany the communication or it cannot be considered.

SCIENTIST REPLIES.

To The Editor of The South Bend News-Times:

Dear Sir:

Those who have not given time and effort to a careful investigation of the teachings and practice of Christian Science, sometimes say things about it publicly, through their lack of information, that misrepresent it. This probably explains why the Rev. A. E. Thomas, in a sermon reported in a recent issue of your paper, included Christian Science among other things named by him as denying the fundamentals of the Bible.

Christian Science declares absolutely that God is the supreme and infinite Creator; that man is, in reality, God's image and likeness; that the universe including man, is governed by the law of God; and it finds this teaching in the very first chapter of the Bible. Christian Science insists that the Bible teaches spiritual law and spiritual fact because God is Spirit and "The true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." (Jesus); and through spiritual understanding Christian Science proves that "All is infinite Mind (God) and its infinite manifestation." (Science and Health.) Christian Science also insists that God is omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient Truth, Life and Love, and puts this teaching into practice.

The Christian Science teaching regarding Christ Jesus is set forth very clearly in its fourth Church tenet:—"We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus, the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death." (Science and Health, p. 497.)

It will be seen from the foregoing that, instead of denying the fundamentals of the Bible, Christian Science emphasizes the teachings which are their useful every day of our lives. Christian Science says to its critics, "Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works." (James 2:18.) Christian Science has healed all manner of sin and every disease known to mankind through divine Mind, the same Mind that was in Christ Jesus, and claims that these "signs following" are the testimony of its accurate interpretation and understanding of the Scriptures according to the test of understanding given by the Master. He that believeth on me the works that I do shall they do also." (Jesus.)

Yours very truly,
S. T. DOWNS.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Reminders From the Columns of The Daily Times.

The Grocers' and Butchers' association served its first annual banquet in the Mamre club rooms. Nickel was the caterer. E. J. Smith officiated as toastmaster and many of the banqueters made speeches.

The Thanksgiving collection from the city schools was \$41.03.

The Royal Arcanum selected C. L. Zigler and N. J. Bernhard as representatives to the grand council and elected the following officers: Sam M. Brown, regent; John Becker, vice-regent; Harry Elliott, orator; E. E. Carr, secretary; T. H. Bulla, collector; Henry Schomel, treasurer; E. E. Stockwell, chaplain; George A. McInnor, guide; J. C. Haase, warden; W. I. Reaser, sentry; W. A. Rubberford, J. W. Camper, John W. trustees.

The first three days of December are the weather prophet's harbingers for the three winter months.

PERHAPS EVEN MORE.

After relating how an actress ordered the election from her car of a United States senator, who entered it by mistake, an item concludes, "When Miss Mack was told whom she had ousted she enjoyed the joke as much as the senator." Whadya mean, joke?

A DILEMMA.

Small boy: "If I let go the pitcher of milk mother'll half kill me an' if I let go the dog he'll run away, an' either'll half kill me an' if I don't let go the dog I'll be killed anyhow—an' what am I to do?"—New York World.

MISSING SOMETHING.

We read the papers with some attention, but somehow we never noticed the headline, "England in Quail," which is referred to in Percy MacKaye's freshest poem.

EPIGRAMS OFTEN SUFFER.

Perhaps what the great general said was: "Don't count the enemy. Beat it!"

TRULY PROGRESSIVE.

"I am a private of the privatist sort,"—T. R. And getting privater all the time.

THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

SIX MONTHS WITH POETS AND PHILOSOPHERS.

Dark as the clouds of even,
Ranked in the western heaven,
Waiting for breath the life to
All the dread mists and drifts
Tempest and falling brand
Over a ruined land.
—George H. Baker.

Every virtue has its proper excellence; and the excellence and the dignity which it has it imparts immediately to every one who loves it.—Boetius.

ONE of the magazines has undertaken to define the difference between immoral and immoral, but after it had completed the task, perhaps to its own satisfaction, we are still groping. What do you make of this: "Immoral stands to immoral in much the same relation as unregenerate stands to degenerate. If you commit some act of which the arbiters of either disapprove, the category that you go in all depends on whether the arbiters have previously brought the ethical constitution and by-laws to your notice."

If we understand it, and we don't think we do, may or may not, as the case may be, be immoral without being immoral, and vice versa.

WITHOUT reservation we may state that as a man we have never envied the life of a woman. As a woman we might with equal freedom from reservation state that we would not give the life of a man. That would be splitting the proposition 50-50, but it does not budge us from our position. All other considerations aside the more or less solitary imprisonment which most women appear to find happiness in would be undurable to a man. Men like to go home and tell how busy they have been with a mental reservation as to the time devoted to swapping personal experiences.

The Mystery of the Puddle.

(Notre Dame Scholastic.)

When the student body in toto or e pluribus unum go to the city to see at Michael's habitat, they go via Hill. Let me say this in brackets right here: Never take a Hill on a full stomach. If you do you'll be sorry, that's all. When the E. S. B. go to S. B., they take the Hill. All this they do by singing "Tis a Long Way Back to Tipperary." And it is, for me, however, I'd prefer they'd sing an anthem of some kind—something appropriate to death, and death so adjacent. When at last after much difficulty, through deep roads and bad weather, they get off at the C. S. B.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

"MUCKLAND."

The activities of the magazines in pursuing business interests and "exposing" the iniquities of wealth have created a "Muckland" which is as easily recognized and quite as unreal as the other fairy land of Grimm and Hans Andersen.

In "Muckland" the accumulation of money, no matter by what means, is a crime; the workman who would rather work than strike is held up before the public gaze as an object of scorn and contempt. The heroes of this nation are famous for the number and variety of their deeds and accomplishments. Some serve on vice committees; others go into politics and "clean up the district" to the great delight of those made clean, and there are even a few who, in defiance of the entire police force, save erring women from the shackles of white slavery.

But the bravest and most powerful hero of "Muckland" is the newspaper reporter; the most amazing craft that of journalism. The young reporter has no time to spare for much of the district attorney are his favorite targets, especially when he falls in love with the daughter of the worst offender.

WHERE THE FAULT IS.

Discussing "The Commissioner-Manager" of government, the Light of Experience, Henry M. Waite, the city manager of Dayton, O., told the National Municipal league, which is now in session at Baltimore.

"The permanency depends upon intelligent citizenship, and their continued determination to keep partisan politics out of municipal affairs."

The trouble with that sort of counsel is that communities which have intelligent citizenship and are determined to keep partisan politics out of municipal affairs can make any system of city government work. They do not need a city manager.

The problem of municipal government in the United States has to do with citizenship that is not always intelligent about city affairs and is influenced not only by partisanship but by a thousand and one other considerations.

In New York, for example, the most effective of government ever administered by man could not survive an election if the police enforced the excise laws or the numerous other statutes that interfere with the liberty of citizens.

Fifty of the people who vote for Tammany's candidates do so because they believe that what is called reform government means meddling with their rights and privileges.

The failure of municipal government in the United States is in reality the failure of state legislatures and should be treated as such.—New York World.

LET THE LADIES BE GENEROUS.

Mrs. Charles A. Beard of New York finds fault with Pres't Wilson's "History of the American People" because women are not given much credit for the nation's development in it. Many women are finding fault with men because, in the past, women's opportunities have been greatly restricted.

Isn't this somewhat unfair? Perhaps the ladies have been unduly curbed. However, the present-day world is showing little tendency to

Niles, Goshen, Mishawaka, N. Y., Indpls., and Cassopolis, R. R., they give nine rabs and send a dispatch to the prefect of discipline announcing that he has arrested the rabs. While the con gets one paddle and puts another in its place. What the paddle means we don't know, but suspect it's some sort of strategy to mislead the allies.

THE man in the next column records the incident of a Brooklyn girl who married the man who twice saved her life. It is not related whether her motive was gratitude or spite. In either instance, taking the average of matrimonial endurance, it is likely to be all the same to him.

Of Course They Had No Interest in the Picture.

Mr. Editor: I had a picture taken a few weeks ago that I steal a look at every now and then. It is a little "kodak" of myself seated on my front steps, a curly-headed cherub in my arms, and children of a little larger growth flanking my knees. They were complimenting me with a call. Studying their faces, which it is a pleasure to think express trust, confidence and liking for me. I have a sense of being profoundly flattered.

"HAD chickenpox," said our neighbor's kid, "an' gee, you can't guess what I did. I give it to my sister an' my brother, an' if I did I ain't a carin' nuther. We didn't have to go to school, an' all we had to do was fool around the house, an' ma, she let us play with things, an' pa, he said to do just as we pleased, an' give us things 'bout being teased. 'Ts great to be sick, you bet your boots, an' I kin prove it by sis an' Toots.'"

A Kentuckian Gets Two Years. (Hazard, Ky., Herald.)

Realizing that the days of man are few and full of trouble, and that the clean, moral, sober life is best for all, I hereby solemnly swear, before God and man, that I will never again, during the years of 1914 and 1915, take a drink of intoxicating liquors, Mark Standarde, Hazard, Ky.

POPULAR sentiment on the subject of "twilight" babies is being aroused. It has broken out in newspaper verse. Sample submitted:

"There will be no twilight babies in our flat
You can bet your last Simoleon on that.
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Twilight triplets would be worse—
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